

Rule 7. Electronic Signatures and Document Authenticity

- f. *Certification; Retention of Original Version:* By electronically filing or submitting a document using the EFS or presenting a filing at a clerk's office that is scanned into the CMS, the electronic filer, attorney, or self-represented litigant is certifying compliance with the signature requirements of these rules, and the signatures on the document shall have the same legal effect as the signatures on the original document.

An electronic filer, attorney, or self-represented litigant must retain the original version of a document, attachment or exhibit that was filed electronically or scanned into the CMS by the court for a period of seven (7) years following disposition of the matter during which time the electronic filer, attorney or self-represented litigant shall make the original paper document available for inspection by other parties, the court, or disciplinary counsel upon reasonable notice. The retention period applies only to documents submitted through the EFS and documents scanned at the clerk's office.